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1. A ranking member of the DDR Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik (Central Office for Research and Technique) recently went to Czechoslovakia and Poland for discussions concerning mutual support in current industrial projects and the exchange of industrial know-how.
2. During his trip, he was advised that the overall plan of these three countries will call for the following industrial specialization of the countries concerned:
  - a. Poland:

The reduction of iron ore and the production of pig iron from reduced ore. Large scale construction is underway in Silesia and southern Poland for the purpose of turning Poland into the iron ore producing center of the Russian satellite world.
  - b. Czechoslovakia:

The production of special ore and the processing of iron ore, including the conversion of Czechoslovakia into the heavy machinery arsenal of the Russian satellite world.
  - c. DDR:

The production of synthetic gasoline and oils and other products in the same general field, converting the DDR into the petroleum-producing partner in this economic alliance.
3. Poland is very short of trained and managerial personnel. However, Czechoslovakia is well-provided with this type of personnel and the DDR can still hold its own in this respect, but is short of personnel to support the project of expansion in the hydrogenation field. So far, no exchange of specialists is envisaged, largely because of the difficulty of subordinating workers to superiors of a different nationality from their own.

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